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USU students put stock in more than education

By **Katherine Lambert**
STUDENT LIFE EDITOR

Some USU students are investing in the stock market while investing in their education.

The only sound louder than the hum of computers in BUS 115 were the students whispering in the back.

“I’m very undecided.”

“Our markets are already messed up.”

“We should wait.”

It was Sept. 16, just one day before the Federal Reserve made their decision to not raise interest rates. But the students in the back of BUS 115 didn’t know that yet. Their grades and \$50,000 from D.A. Davidson were on the line.

Yet this was an investing practicum, practice for the real-world of investing that some students at Utah State University are already familiar with.

Economics and Financial department senior lecturer Paul Fjeldsted said in his investing practicum class, students practice presenting ideas, making decisions and living with those decisions through investing.

“We’re actually dealing with actual money and so you make decisions differently rather than if we were just doing a simulated test” said Austin Smoot, a junior in finance and economics. “It works with your instincts on the decisions you make really count for something, that goes really well with experience that looks really good on a resume when you want to go into finance.”

Finance senior Parker Harris said that though it is nice to practice investing with someone else’s money, he hopes to learn finance tricks from this class that will help him make his own future investments.

“I haven’t been super active in my own personal investing,” Harris said. “As I pull from a whole class of people that know more than I do or have different experiences I’ll start playing around with more money in the stock market.”

This sentiment is shared by finance senior Nick Fetty.

“I’ve got a 401K,” Fetty said, “but like Parker said, I really don’t feel comfortable investing my own money and choosing my own stocks right now. So right now it’s just a managed account but this class should hopefully give me some

expertise in what to look for in investments.”

There are many reasons why students don’t invest, Fjeldsted said, student loans, credit card debt, limited income are just a few.

“I suspect that one of the big hurdles is just knowing what to do,” Fjeldsted said. “You wouldn’t expect people to know this naturally just by watching the news.”

Knowing where to find widely-accepted information is also a challenge, and the only way Fjeldsted said to get around it is by talking with others knowledgeable about investing and researching online.

That’s why finance senior Gregory Dudley turned to Fjeldsted and an app called Robinhood for the investments he made on his own.

Dudley said he’s a “horrible spender.” But once Fjeldsted took him under his wing, Dudley said he began to look into investing.

That’s when he found Robinhood, an app that helps users invest without a brokerage fee.

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USUSA officers share results of summer collaboration

By **Brenna Kelly**
COPY EDITOR

Utah State University Student Association officers are ready to share the product of four months of collaboration after a controversial election held in April.

The last-minute special election — which garnered the participation of just 236 students — added the position of Student Alumni Association president to the USUSA Executive Council. Despite a petition from students for a re-vote, USUSA President Trevor Sean Olsen has moved forward with the merger, meeting “a few times” with SAA President Oakman Kennedy over the summer to discuss logistics.

“The bulk of the meetings up to this point were to see who’s advising them, where the budget’s going to be and how to work with the two traditions directors,” he said. “It’s mostly just planning meetings.”

Kennedy said the culture of SAA and USUSA

are different, in that SAA directors are not elected and are united by common interests. Some directors in particular were concerned about getting along with programming officers in USUSA, as they both deal with traditions.

“There were fears, but at the end of the day, it’s the right move to make,” Kennedy said. “I don’t think either group is losing.”

The funding for the SAA President’s scholarship will continue to come from University Advancement, and beginning next year, the SAA President will receive equal compensation to other USUSA officers. Additionally, the Division of Student Services recently hired development officer Mike Bowen, who — under the direction of student services director James Morales — will be advising Kennedy. Funds for the position will be housed with Bowen.

“There’s definitely growing pains,” Kennedy said. “Especially with getting charters established for the new position.”

Olsen agreed that while there are still kinks to

work out, they have an advantage after having the summer to collaborate.

“I think during school, when you’ve got classes to worry about and work, we couldn’t have done what we were able to do, really,” Kennedy added.

In addition to the some of the officers meeting over the summer, their advisers — with their new responsibilities — were able to meet and coordinate. In previous interviews, Olsen and Kennedy emphasized that it was important the change happen when it did, despite the low voter turnout.

Some students were concerned about the special election being held during finals week, which likely contributed to the low voter turnout. Just 1.5 percent of the student body voted in the election — nowhere near the 23 percent that voted during the last student election cycle. 63 percent voted in favor of the change, with 37 percent against.

“I feel confident that it was the right decision, and I think if the numbers were larger, the per-

centages would still be the same,” Olsen said. “If there are students who don’t feel they got to voice their opinion on the matter, I’m more than happy to talk with them and see what steps we can take to help them feel comfortable about the decision.”

Seth Merrill, a senior at the time of the election, started the petition to revote on the amendment to add the SAA president to the USUSA Executive Council. Merrill said that he wasn’t impressed in the way the election was carried out, specifically that all the amendments were voted on as one.

“I felt like USUSA was constantly saying throughout the elections that they valued students voices and wanted everyone to be heard, but when people were bring this to their attention, they weren’t actually listening,” he said.

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An inside look at sorrority rush week from a writer who just went through it.

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POLICE BLOTTER

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for non-emergencies.
Anonymous reporting line: 797-5000
EMERGENCY NUMBER: 911

Tuesday, September 15

- A USU student got on Carrier Aggie and applied for a job with a company called Sitter City. The student became suspicious after receiving money from the company and reported it to police. The student was informed it was a scam prior to losing any money.
- USU Police responded to a smell of gas in the area of the USU Motor pool natural gas refilling station. Logan Fire & Logan Police also responded. It was discovered that there may be a small leak. A repre-

sentative from USU Motor pool was contacted and stated that they will contact the State of Utah representative to respond and fix the issue.

Wednesday, September 16

- USU Police responded to the Mountain View Tower in three minutes for an Elevator alarm. Two subjects were stuck in the elevator. They were help out of the elevator with the help of electronics department.
- An individual from Colorado reported finding a student’s wallet.

USU Police located the student and they are making arrangements to get their wallet mailed to them.

Thursday, September 17

- Officers responded to a report of suspicious persons. A group four individuals, two in rabbit suits, were chasing another group around campus. The individuals agreed it was not a good idea to chase others they do not know.
- USU Police received an umbrella that was left on the shuttle bus.

This item will be placed in found property until the owner claims the item.

- USU Police was asked to do a welfare check on a student. His parents had not heard from him in a week or two and they were concerned. After attempting to locate the student, it was learned that the student is attending USU at the Price Utah campus. The student’s parents were advised to contact the Price Campus for further assistance.



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STOCK

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With the app, Dudley bought stocks in Starbucks, two automobile suppliers, Fitbit and Verizon.

“Starbucks has been my real bread and butter lately,” he said. “I was patient through the most recent sell off. The stock market has been so up the last month and a half but I didn’t sell anything. I just held through it all and now it’s going up a little bit so hopefully my patience will pay off.”

Jameson Hartman a senior in finance also uses Robinhood, though he was investing long before he began to use the app.

As a child, Hartman said he was “super frugal” with his money, watching it accumulate interest in his bank account. Then as a sophomore in high school, Hartman said he decided to invested in Amazon stock.

“To be honest, some investing is just glorified gambling,” he said. “So it was just kind of like this rush that I got in high school. I would watch my little trading account and ‘day trade’ but I didn’t know what I was doing. It was just an adrenaline kick.”

Hartman said as he learned more, he began to branch away from “risky investing” and became more knowledgeable about investing. Now he said he invests in the S&P 500, an index of stock made of 500 American com-

panies.

Fjeldsted said if students know what they are looking for, they are in prime position to invest in long-term ventures.

Ryan Taylor, a graduated USU international business and economics major agrees, but adds that students should avoid investing if they have a lot of credit card debt.

But the type of investing venture is up to the student and their “appetite for risk,” Fjeldsted said.

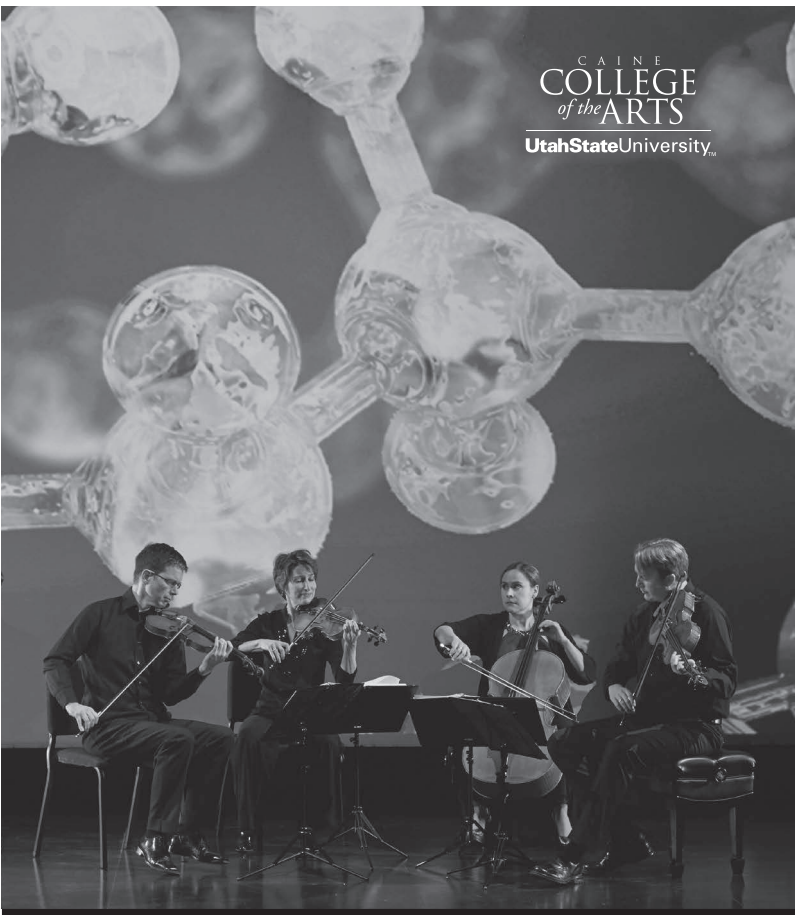
“In investing in stocks, there’s really no such thing as safe,” he said. “So the question is whether it’s diversified. A broadly diversified portfolio is something that’s really important.”

For college students hesitating to invest because of the risk, Hartman had some advice.

“Just try it,” he said. “If you want to learn how it works, just try it.”

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Fifty-eight cold, Wet Cadets

By **Shanie Howard**
WRITER

On September 17th fifty-eight cadets from the Reserve Officers' Training Corps went to Hyrum Reservoir for their annual Zodiac Laboratory to train cadets with Zodiac boats and learn to work as a team.

Fifty-eight cadets from the Reserve Officers' Training Corps set out to Hyrum Reservoir on Thursday to take part in their annual Zodiac Laboratory. The goal: to familiarize cadets with Zodiac boats, a type of inflatable water raft used only by special operation units in the military.

It also helps to "Teach cadets how to work together as a team in a cold and strenuous environment," said Sergeant Petrone.

In water that measured 50 degrees, ten cadets and one supervisor were expected to paddle out about twenty-five feet from the shore, capsize their zodiac boats, then flip it back over as a team. Once they paddled back to shore squads worked together to carry the boat another fifteen feet up the dock then bring it back and set it down just above the water line.

Blue lips and chattering teeth were seen once the cadets got back to shore. "These kinds of labs help get new cadets excited about the ROTC," said Cadet Keneth Myers. And despite the cold, the lab did just that.

"Exercises like this help me know that I can trust the people I'm working with. That's one of the reasons I like the ROTC," said Cadet Morgath, who was participating in the lab for the first time.

For Cadet Trevor Anderson, the experience was a little different.

"When I first did this lab it was scary. I though the ROTC was really tough and I was nervous to jump into the water since I wasn't a really good swimmer but it was an amazing experience and helped me realize the army is a brotherhood more than anything."

In addition to learning how to use the zodiac boats, cadets were taught how to create flotation devices out of ponchos. Both labs were taken out of the Ranger's Handbook in sections 9-4, 9-7, and 9-9.

"The reason we use the Ranger's Handbook is because we want to see traits in our cadets from men such as Jim Bridger, one of the frontier's men of the west. Some of the traits

he had was the ability to survive off the land, map it and help travelers ... He was very self-aware of what the land was like and was able to relay that," said Captain Anderson. In addition to being a role model, Jim Bridger is also the name of the Battalion at Utah State University.

Despite the guidance from the handbook, all exercises were planned and taught by senior cadets, all of whom had two or more years experience in the ROTC. The reason for this is to not only give new cadets training but also teach the senior cadets leadership skills they will need once they move on from the ROTC.

For now, however, new cadets aspire to work hard enough to become senior cadets and senior cadets work hard so that once they leave they can do well in whatever position they have in the military.

"Once they leave the ROTC ninety-nine percent of these cadets will never see these boats again, but learning how to use these boats isn't the goal of this lab," said Sergeant Petrone. "We want to teach these cadets how to work as a team and how to become great leaders."

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Landon Pozernik | PHOTOGRAPHER

USU brings history to life with Year of Water exhibit

ment to the Caine College of the Arts and that every department has its own unique way it researches and uses water.

Parson and Davis pulled pictures, videos and documents out of USU's archives and special collections to use for the exhibit.

"With this exhibit we were able to highlight our collections as they relate to the history of USU," Davis said.

When asked if Davis found anything interesting while digging up USU's water history, he brought up one of USU's old graduates, Ardeshir Zahedi. Zahedi was an important Iranian diplomat and served as our country's foreign minister and ambassador in the 1960s and 1970s. Zahedi studied agricultural science and water research at USU before returning to Iran.

"USU was bringing in international students to study water, agriculture and irrigation," Davis said. "Zahedi was one of the students who came here."

The exhibit also provided a learning experience for students wanting to

present historical information in the future. This particular exhibit was used as an example for an archive class on how to create an actual physical exhibit using archives.

"I am hoping that someday I can do research and work in an archive so this will give me a little more background on what to look for and which archives to use," said Emily Crumpton, a history major at USU.

The Year of Water Exhibit at the library was only a small portion of what USU has planned. There will be other events that will showcase 2015 as the Year of Water.

"The overall goal of the Year of Water is to highlight the importance of the research into water and how water is the lifeblood of Utah," Davis said. "The more we research and study water policy and irrigation, the better choices we will make down the road."

For more information on USU's Year of Water, visit <http://www.usu.edu/yearofwater/>.

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The Merrill-Cazier Library at Utah State University made a contribution to the Year of Water by putting on an exhibit showcasing the history of USU's water involvement.

"The exhibit was put on to point out the history of how USU has been involved in water and research since the founding of the institution," said Robert Parson, the University Archivist.

This is USU's 50th anniversary of its water lab's founding, and this was what started the idea of the Year of Water. Different colleges at the university then broadened the idea by putting together research from each different department on the study of water.

Daniel Davis, the curator of Special Collections, said that every department banded together to make 2015 the Year of Water. He said that it ranges from the engineering depart-

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U.S., RUSSIA TO SEEK COMMON MILITARY GROUND IN SYRIA

WASHINGTON — The United States and Russia agreed Friday to consider potential areas of military cooperation in civil war-racked Syria as a powerful al-Qaida-allied rebel group vowed to “defeat” the expanding Russian military force that is being deployed in northwestern Syria.

The agreement to hold military-to-military talks in parallel with diplomatic consultations was reached in a telephone conversation between Defense Secretary Ashton Carter and his Russian counterpart, Sergei Shoigu, the first time they’ve spoken since Carter took his post seven months ago, a Pentagon statement said.

“The secretary and the minister talked about areas where the United States and Russia’s perspectives overlap and areas of divergence,” the statement said, adding that further talks on possible coordination would be held.

The discussions herald a significant shift in great power involvement in the 4-year-old Syrian conflict and are the result of the new influence attained by Russian President Vladimir Putin through the buildup of Russian aircraft, tanks, artillery and troops near the Syrian port city of Latakia.

The buildup is Moscow’s first major military operation outside of the former Soviet Union since the 1979-89 occupation of Afghanistan. As such, it represents a dangerous gamble for Putin because his intervention to bolster embattled Syrian President Bashar Assad offers a powerful incentive to Syrian rebel groups to collaborate in attacking the growing Russian military presence.

“A challenge for Russia is (that) maintaining a presence on the ground may require a robust force that could come in direct combat with various forces in the region,” said a U.S. intelligence official, who requested anonymity because he wasn’t authorized to discuss the issue publicly.

Stephen Blank, a former Russian expert with the Army War College who is now with the American Foreign Policy Council, a policy institute, said that the longer the Russian force is on the ground, the greater the chance that Syria “could become a quagmire” for Putin.

“The Russians think they can keep their intervention limited, but I doubt it the longer it goes on,” said Blank.

His warning was reinforced by a vow by the new head of Ahrar al Sham, the largest of the Sunni Muslim groups fighting to topple Assad, to target the Russian troops.

“We owe it to you to restore freedom to Syria after the invasion of the rejectionists from all corners of the Earth,” said Abu Yahya al Hamwi in a speech recorded on a video delivered to supporters somewhere in Turkey and posted on the Internet. “Today they are bolstered by their allies, the Russians, and the fate of this invasion shall be defeated.”

“Rejectionists” is a derogatory term that Sunni extremists use for Shiite Muslims. In citing it, Hamwi was referring to military advisers from Shiite-dominated Iran and Shiites from Afghanistan and Pakistan fighting on behalf of Assad, who is an Alawite, a Shiite offshoot that dominates the Syrian regime.

Ahrar al Sham, estimated to have 35,000 fighters, is the largest component of the Islamic Front, a coalition of rebel groups that recently cooperated with al-Qaida’s Syrian arm, the Nusra Front, in conquering northern Idlib province, raising the possibility that they could launch joint operations against the Russians.

Russia has long supported Assad with military advisers and weaponry. But the Russian buildup at an airfield near Assad’s stronghold of Latakia is a huge escalation in the effort to prop up the Syrian leader, who has suffered a string of losses and manpower shortages in fighting that has killed an estimated 250,000 people and uprooted half the population of 23 million.

The Russian deployment showed no sign of slowing, with Moscow saying that it is ready to consider sending combat troops if Damascus asks for them.



KURDISH REFUGEES ARRIVE in Yumurtalik, Turkey, fleeing the advances of Islamic State extremists on the north Syrian city of Kobani, on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014. (Roy Gutman/MCT)

In Washington, a U.S. official, who requested anonymity in order to discuss the issue, said that four Sukhoi 27 fighters, codenamed Flankers by NATO, were spotted being delivered to the Russian base at Bassel al Assad International Airport in Latakia province. Four new helicopters also arrived, he said.

The twin-engine Su-27s, which were designed as front-line fighters and can be used to support ground forces, and the new helicopters added to a force at the base that already included four helicopters, six tanks, three dozen armored personnel carriers and artillery pieces. U.S. officials say Russia has erected prefabricated housing for 1,500 personnel at the base. A 200-strong marine force is guarding the facility.

The U.S. intelligence official said that while Moscow’s ultimate intentions are unclear, “initial signs suggest a focus on providing air support to Syrian forces and to humanitarian relief operations. We would expect Russia to send force protective means, including a small presence of ground forces, to support these operations.”

Russia said that it aims to fight the Islamic State, the savage

extremist movement that has declared a caliphate on large swaths of Syria and neighboring Iraq that it has seized since last year.

But the Russians could strike other rebel groups to stabilize Assad, sparking concern within the Obama administration, which has called on the Syrian leader to step aside as part of any political settlement.

Moreover, U.S. officials are worried about accidental entanglements between Russian aircraft and aircraft of a U.S.-led coalition that has been launching airstrikes against the Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL.

In their talk, the Pentagon statement said, Carter and Shoigu agreed to hold further discussions on setting up a mechanism for “deconfliction,” or ensuring that Russian and U.S. commanders are aware of each other’s military operations and movements so they can avoid accidents or misunderstandings.

Moreover, the pair will hold further talks on the campaign against the Islamic State, the statement said.

Administration moving to further liberalize rules on trade with Cuba



THE CUBAN FLAG FLIES in front of the country’s embassy after 54 years on Thursday, July 30, 2015, in Washington, DC. (Olivier Douliery/Abaca Press/TNS)

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is working to finalize a change in U.S.-Cuba trade rules that experts called a major development that would significantly open the door to expanded business on the island.

The regulation has not yet been released, although a 27-page document, dated Sept. 7 and marked to be reviewed by the White House’s Office of Management and Budget, was provided to McClatchy.

It couldn’t be determined if the version that is ultimately released will match the Sept. 7 version. The Department of Commerce didn’t respond to a request for comment about it.

As indicated in the document, the rules could amend existing ones to boost engagement between American and Cuban people, accelerate the free flow of information to and from Cubans, and ramp up independent economic activity generated by Cubans.

In many ways, the rule would merely be a continuation of the process begun Dec.

17, when President Barack Obama announced that the U.S. was seeking to thaw the five-decade freeze in its relations with the island nation 90 miles from Florida.

After that momentous December announcement, the Commerce and Treasury departments in January took steps to put in place parts of the president’s policy. The new rules, which could be announced as early as Friday, could amend the terms of existing license exceptions available for Cuba, create new licensing policies, and take other steps to further promote economic activity in Cuba.

Robert L. Muse, a Washington-based lawyer and expert on Cuba trade who reviewed the Commerce document Thursday, said the moves could be significant.

“They’re greater than the ones in January,” he said in an interview. “The rules in January were important — they established the precedent. But it was more of a beachhead, and it was a bit murky. Now they are engaging the business community in a way that’s going to be interest-

ing and important to them. It begins to give them some real commercial traction.”

Among the key changes, Muse said, was that companies engaged in exporting authorized items to Cuba will be able to establish, maintain and operate physical premises in Cuba.

That, he said, is significant.

“Maintaining a presence is brand new—that’s the big further step they have taken here,” Muse said. “The intention is to bring American businesses to the island.”

An example, he said, would be an agricultural commodity company allowed to export to Cuba that would now be able to establish a sales office — or possibly even a warehouse — on the island, thus furthering its prospects.

Several other types of businesses could also be affected, including aircraft; telecommunications equipment; medicine; and materials, equipment, tools and supplies.

STUDENT LIFE



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ST. JEROME'S CHAPEL at the Catholic Newman Center.

4 USU students find peace exploring their spirituality

By **Ashley Stilson**
WRITER

Finding and determining one's spiritual identity can be a heart-wrenching experience.

But for four Utah State University students — all involved with the Interfaith Student Association (IFSA) — their experiences led them to the answers and peace they were looking for.

“Allow yourself to question. Don't feel like you have to be hemmed in by what others believe,” said Erica Hawvermale, a junior majoring in cultural anthropology with an emphasis in medical anthropology.

Hawvermale said she grew up agnostic in a home without any religious background and felt very anxious each time she would investigate other faiths. But all that changed last fall semester when she signed up for an Introduction to Shamanism class.

“I did all the readings for the class before we started class. All of them,” Hawvermale laughed. “I was fascinated. I couldn't wait to take the class.”

She now identifies as a shamanic practitioner, saying she found more peace and answers during her introduction to shamanism class than anywhere else. She currently serves as the IFSA president.

“For me, shamanism was very much like coming home,” she said.

USU students aren't alone in their search for spirituality. Religious questioning starts early in life for most people, according to Faith in Flux, a survey conducted by the Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion and Public Life.

Many people who decided to leave their childhood faith did so before the age of 24, and a majority said they joined their current religion or non-religion before age 36, according to the survey.

As was the case with David Tauber, a senior in religious studies and anthropology.

“

I remember feeling like the biggest sense of peace I'd had in so many years. It was so liberating, and it felt so good.

”

-Sarah Hammon

Tauber, the vice president of the IFSA, said he was grew up agnostic and began to study religions when he was young.

He said he once visited the Logan Islamic Center and listened to a pilgrimage story about Muhammad. The speaker emphasized following personal beliefs and finding locations

where religion is practiced however an individual sees fit. Tauber said the message resonated with him.

“That's the goal,” he said. “For everybody to be comfortable being themselves and to be comfortable with everyone else being themselves, as well.”

Tauber said he identifies as a Western Buddhist, blending together western ideals and Buddhist traditions. He said everyone has unique situations to work through, and Interfaith is a safe and neutral ground for people to figure things out.

However, it's difficult to find safe and neutral ground to openly discuss spirituality. That's what inspired anthropology professor Bonnie Glass-Coffin to establish the Interfaith Initiative.

“There needed to be a safe haven, so that's really what we tried to do in developing the Interfaith Initiative,” Glass-Coffin said. “To develop that safe haven for people to be able to come together and be able to voice all of who they are, to engage respectfully with people who are not like they are and learn how to bridge those differences in order to serve the common good.”

Bridging differences was crucial for Sarah Hammon, a junior majoring in global marketing, who identifies as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She said she grew up in staunch Roman Catholic family and attended Catholic school. But in her high school junior year Hammon said she was going through a rough time.

“I changed from being someone who loved their religion and loved everything it was about to being so mad with God all the time,” Hammon said.

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5 THINGS I LEARNED RUSHING A SORORITY

Brenna Kelly

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why I decided to rush.

Entering the Panhellenic world, I had to acknowledge that much of what I knew about sororities was erroneous stereotypes. Among my many preconceived notions, I believed Greek life to be the ultimate manifestation of cliquishness.

Searching for rushing tips online, I read that “name-dropping a specific guy could be trouble because there's always a chance that the girl you are talking to knows him, or dated him, or hates him for something he did to her friend.” It seemed so high school.

I'm hoping my experience will shed some light on what Greek life at USU is actually like. Here are five things I learned rushing a sorority:

1. THE WOMEN THAT JOIN SORORITIES KNOW THE STEREOTYPES. AND THEY DON'T CARE.

You all know the stereotypes. They were best exemplified in the University of Alabama Alpha Phi 2015 recruitment video

— bikini-clad blondes with long, voluminous hair; they like to party and get tan.

Do you think sorority women are oblivious to these stereotypes? Yeah? Well, you're wrong. They know the stereotypes better than anyone and they don't care, because they know they aren't true.

We hear “sorority” and go, “Oh, I totally know what kind of organization you are.” But do we really?

For instance, did you know you have to have a 3.2 GPA to join Kappa Delta? That's just short of a B+ average. And Alpha Xi Omega — they raise \$5000 each year to send a domestic abuse victim to college.

If you let them, people will surprise you. Speaking of surprises...

2. IT'S A PARTY.

First off, big S/O to whoever made those Girls Scout cookie balls from Kappa Delta. The food, singing and chit-chatting were exciting at both houses.

I work and study a lot. In the beginning, I saw rush week as just another event to cov-

er or task to accomplish. But once I began to experience it, I found myself enjoying it.

Even if you don't end up joining a sorority, you will meet a lot of people and have a fun time rushing.

3. THERE ARE RULES.

So many rules. For instance, on philanthropy night, we were only allowed to stay in each house for exactly an hour. We were lined up single-file, in alphabetical order. We had a set amount of time to talk to one woman, then rotated to spend a certain amount of time with another woman. The Rho Gammas (recruitment guides) weren't allowed to come into the houses with us, so they waited in the cold. They also cannot disclose which sorority they in.

It's kind of part of the fun, though — rules make rushing formal and fair. They take it seriously.

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(RIGHT) TYLER FLOYD, JALEN DAVIS AND JONTRELL ROCQUEMORE celebrate a defensive touchdown Saturday in Seattle. (LEFT) L.T. Filiaga tackles a Huskie ball carrier in Saturday's 31-17 loss to Washington in Seattle. USU gave up 368 yards through the air on defense during the game.

FRESHMAN QB BITES AGGIES

By **Thomas Sorenson**
SENIOR WRITER

Utah State entered its game against Washington ranked second in the conference and 13th in the nation in passing defense, having allowed an average of 121.5 yards per game the first two weeks of the season.

With a true freshman quarterback making only his third start, the University of Washington more than tripled that.

Jake Browning threw for 368 yards, three touchdowns and one interception as the Huskies defeated Utah State 31-17.

"He had open receivers and they threw and caught the ball well," said Utah State head coach Matt Wells.

Browning's most impressive work came in the second half, where he completed 12 of 15 passes for 177 yards and two of his three touchdowns.

The second half performance included a run of 12 consecutive completions, stretching a 17-10 halftime lead for Washington to 31-10 by the end of the third quarter.

"I thought they did a nice job of putting him in situations to be very successful," Wells said.

The Huskies' first touchdown of the third quarter was a 33-yard pass from Browning to running back Dwayne Washington. Washington ran a vertical route out of the backfield, and Utah State linebacker LT Filiaga was unable to keep up with the junior tail back. Browning hit him in stride for the score.

Browning completed five passes for 53 yards on the next Husky drive, culminating in a three yard touchdown pass to tight end Drew Sample. On the play, the freshman took the snap under center, evaded three Aggie pass

rushers as he rolled out of the pocket and found Sample open in the back of the end zone.

"He's good. He does a nice job with his feet and he's got nice touch out on the perimeter. He's a very, very accurate kid," Wells said.

The first touchdown of the day came early in the second quarter with the Huskies facing a third and 11 on their own 19-yard line. Browning took the snap out of shotgun, rolled to his left to evade pressure and passed it to Washington in the flat. The running back beat the linebackers to the corner and out ran the rest of the defense for an 81-yard touchdown.

"Big plays are going to happen here and there," said junior free safety Devin Centers. "They're a really great offense so they're going to have big plays. We knew that coming into the game."

The Aggie defense got a big play of its own on the first play of the second half when Centers intercepted an overthrown pass by Browning. Utah State was unable to capitalize on the turnover and Washington scored on his long reception up the middle to give the Huskies a two touchdown lead.

"There were times that we were too soft in coverage," Wells said. "We've got to be tighter, whether it's safeties or corners, and we've got to be able to get pressure on the quarterback."

The 368 yards passing is the most against Utah State since Derek Carr threw for 404 yards and three touchdowns in the 2013 Mountain West Conference championship game.

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New & improved Aggies hockey looks to turn heads

By **Tristan Paradise**
WRITER

The Utah State hockey team cruised to a 6-3 win vs. Weber State in the first game of the season. The result was abetter start than last year's stagnant start.

"Last year, the first half we really struggled. We had a real decent team, but it didn't seem like we meshed really well," said head coach Jon Eccles. "This year we have some new players in, and those guys have been a breath of fresh air."

Team captain Cooper Limb added to his coach's statement.

"We picked up a lot of bigger, older guys we were missing last year, and it's made our team a lot stronger already," he said.

One of these new faces is Chris Cutshall coming from Alaska. Chris is already making positive impressions in practice.

"He's really fast and he stands out every day," Limb said of Cutshall.

"Yeah, he's a hard working kid. He just wants to go-go-go; he doesn't stop moving," added alternative captain Shaun Gibbons.

But apart from individual players, the squad has a team-first mentality. This way of thinking is evident from the head down starting with the captain.

"Obviously I wanna do well and score goals and get assists. But my goal is to help them get as many points as they can, and that, in turn, helps the team win games," Limb said.

Gibbons said that he isn't concerned about individual accolades.

"I think it's more team oriented here so I don't really care about the points," he said. The selflessness of the team is preached by Eccles.

"Well everyone right now is really doing well, and that's down to the rookies. And everyone is behind each other," he said. "All the rookies are doing really good pushing the vets, making the vets push that much harder."

Eccles praised Limb for pushing the team. "Cooper Limb, my captain, is really involved with team and coaching staff. He really wants it to be a successful year," Eccles said.

Aggies will be facing tough competition. Among the teams to look out for on the schedule, Eccles singled out ASU Elite (Arizona State), Northern Arizona, Northern Colorado and Denver.

"Those four teams will be the cream of the crop," Eccles said.

The outlook on the team is at a high, as the team looks to build on its new players and team first attitude. Eccles is optimistic about the season.

"Last year we had the ingredients, but no glue. So this year I think we have all the ingredients and the glue to have a successful year," he said.

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UTAH STATE HOCKEY goalie blocks a speedy shot on goal at a morning practice in the Eccles Ice Center. USU Beat Weber State 6-3 in its season opener.

Softball tees off on Snow College, has high hopes for the season



(TOP) NOELLE JOHNSON TAKES A PITCH in USU’s win over Snow College. Johnson hit three home runs in the second game of the double header. **(BOTTOM LEFT) COLBY ARGYLE RUNS** to home plate for a run during USU’s wins over Snow Canyon. **(BOTTOM MIDDLE) KATIE SCHROEDER PITCHES** against Snow College.

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By **Kenna Cook**
WRITER

The Utah State softball team and coaches left the field Saturday having conquered Snow College in an almost errorless game 11-6. The Aggies hit five homeruns during the second game of the double header.

Senior Noelle Johnson hit three homeruns alone. Freshman Bailey Lewis also hit a homer in her first game as an Aggie. Victoria Saucedo, a junior who hit one over the fence in the first game, joined this group of power hitters in the second game as well.

Snow College suffered a long third inning watching the Aggies touch home plate one

after the other.

“Today I felt we played great as a team. This was our first time playing together in a real game and we all came together and had each other’s backs,” said junior Paxton Provost. “We have amazing team chemistry this year and it shows in our plays. I’m excited for this season to see how far we go.”

Lewis also was excited about her team’s unity.

“Today went really well for playing our first game together. Our team did a great job of communicating and playing as one,” she said.

Sophomore Brina Buttacavoli said that the team’s chemistry now is better than it was

this time last year.

“The level the team is at now is farther along than we were in years past. It brings a new atmosphere and positive attitude towards the upcoming season,” she said.

Windy Thees is the newest addition to USU softball’s coaching staff this year. She was satisfied with the early season play of her team.

“I can tell this group is hungry to compete and become a close-knit family. When it comes to championship teams, there is always this X factor, something special in the relationship between teammates,” Thees said. “So far, this group has really come together and as a group, we need to continue

to create that family environment.”

Aggie softball has four new freshman this season as well as the addition of Thees and seem to play as a team almost naturally. Utah State softball plays next on Monday, Sept. 21 at 3:00 p.m. against Washington at LaRee and LeGrand Johnson Field at Utah State.

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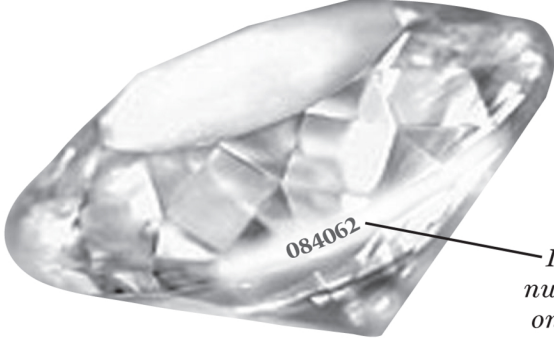
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OPINION

DIFFERENTIAL TUITION: A PRICE I MUST PAY



I want to start off by saying I take great pride in being part of the Huntsman School of Business. I can brag about how we are one of the oldest business schools in the western part of the country, or how we have a high placement rate in most industries. I love the school, and I love how experienced and helpful the professors can

be. What I am going to talk about is how even with grants, working 2-3 jobs, and living as cheap as possible, I still have to take out student loans to attend basic classes. This struggle happens due to one key factor: differential tuition. If you weren't aware differential tuition is when business students must pay \$117 per credit for any class above the 3000 level and even more for graduate classes. If you want the specifics, you can go to huntsman.usu.edu/graduate/htm/differential-tuition. If you want the short version, it's to pay for instructors. This is a basic supply-and-demand problem. At least that's how it's phrased on their website. I would say that the benefits of being a professor should incentivize the career. I think that private donations could help pay professors more. And I think differential tuition should still exist, but at not such an

enormous rate and cost to students. Additionally some money goes to extra-curricular clubs and activities. If that's the case, why do I have to pay over \$50 just to join the Marketing Club? I have worked in the school's advancement department, so yes — I am aware it's not spent on the new building (a common belief among many business students I asked) or funding extravagant trips. This change was decided in 2007 before I even applied here, and will continue long after I graduate. It was somewhat approved by elected students, but no one who goes here now voted for this cost or has to pay it. The common student never got to vote if they would be willing to incur this cost; it was decided for them. I, for one, would like more student input. On their website it says to contact the school; I plan on contacting them, and I encourage you to do so as well.

I realize that education is an investment, and not all investments work out, but to ask so high a cost from students just so they can get a basic education is not only damaging to the students, but — in my opinion — how the school of business is viewed. I love marketing, I love the school of business and I have great respect for my professors. I just expect more from my school and administrators, and I am disappointed.

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CHURCH

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After receiving a book of scripture and support from close friends, Hammon investigated the LDS church and joined soon after. “I remember feeling like the biggest sense of peace I'd had in so many years,” she said, describing her feelings during the change. “It was so liberating, and it felt so good.” Kason Hudman, a senior majoring in history, found that peace identifying as an Episcopalian. Raised with a very spiritual mother and an LDS father, Hudman said he wanted to figure out what he really believed. As he was investigating other

faiths, Hudman listed his family and his girlfriend as huge supporters to his search. “If you feel like you don't know if you identify with something, I think you should listen to yourself,” he said. Hudman said he decided on the Episcopal church because it was open to all beliefs. “We all kind of have similar motives for believing what we believe,” he said. “And that's always really good because you realize the chasms between us are really not that deep.” Glass-Coffin is providing free training on how to bridge chasms with those who have other world views. The train-

ings, “Better Together: Interfaith Ally,” will be held Sept. 22, 25 and 26. Glass-Coffin encourages anyone interested to contact her at bonnie.glass-coffin@usu.edu. The trainings are free of charge. “The more experience people have with people of other religious traditions, the more they become aware that we live in a diverse world, even here in Utah,” Glass-Coffin said. “There's diversity even here, and it's very important not to make assumptions.”

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4. THEY ARE SO NICE.

Contrary to what “Legally Blonde” may suggest, sororities attract really well-rounded women. They are some of the most engaging, nice, accomplished women I've met as USU. They are passionate about their philanthropy, and I found their insight profound. Rush week sounded insincere to me — you're trying to convince someone to like you, it seemed. However, every single woman I spoke with was kind and genuine.

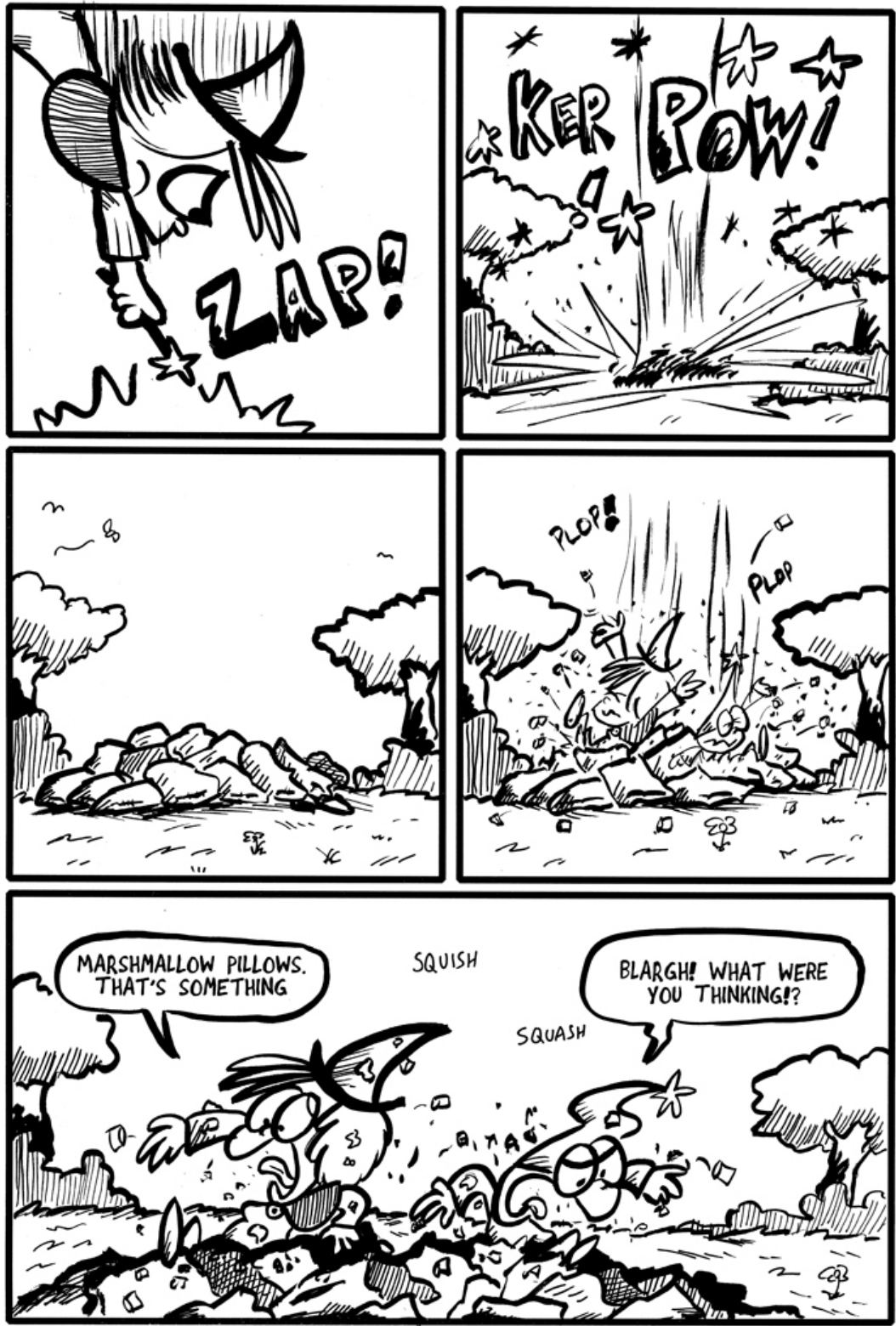
5. IT'S A SISTERHOOD, NOT A CLIQUE.

Sororities are more than clubs or cliques, where you're united by a common interest. These women are united by a bond akin to family — you may start out as friends, but the relationship develops and deepens as you spend time together and share experiences. College is a time where you need support and love, and sororities are an outlet in which to fulfill that need. In some ways, even after attending the events of rush week, I can't know what it's really like to rush. I may have taken the required steps to join a sorority, but my attitude and the attitudes of my fellow rushers were different because I didn't actually plan on joining. I didn't experience a sweaty-palmed handshake with a Rho

Gamma. I didn't stand wobble-kneed in a black dress on Preference Night. I didn't anticipate the sisterly bond I would have after signing my bid. Now, I have my own reasons for not joining a sorority (namely, finances and time commitments are tight). But after having a taste of what Greek life is like at USU, I honestly believe that I'm missing out. And you might be, too. Everyone who joins loves it. It's a fun, dynamic, exciting culture — in a few words, it's a rush.

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